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TAGS: CPRS (PATTESON, MR. AND MRS. JOHN T.) MX

SUBJ: CASE OF MR. AND MRS. JOHN T. PATTESON

REF: STATE 264597

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED CALL JANUARY 8TH FROM MR. PATTERSON IN SALINA CRUZ, OAXACA, REQUESTING ASSISTANCE IN HIS LAND PROBLEM. HE WAS ADVISED OF EMBASSY ATTEMPTS TO COMMUNICATE WITH HIS ATTORNEY AT TEHUANTEPEC AND SAID THAT HE TOO HAD BEEN UNABLE TO GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM AND THAT HE HAD DISCHARGED THE ATTORNEY. CONOFF ADVISED PATTESON THAT EMBASSY COULD NOT DIRECTLY INTERVENE IN MATTER, CITING INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL AND COPIES OF CORRESPONDENCE FROM DEPARTMENT TO SENATOR CRANSTON AND CONGRESSMAN FASCELL. MR. PATTESON DOES NOT ACCEPT DEPARTMENT'S VIEW THAT USG CANNOT INTERVENE IN MATTER WHICH CONCERNS MEXICAN CITIZEN, MEXICAN GOVERNMENT AND PROPERTY IN MEXICO, RESTING HIS CASE ON FACT THAT OWNER OF PROPERTY IS ALSO AMCIT. CONOFF INQUIRED EXACTLY WHAT WAS DESIRED OF THE EMBASSY -- IT APPEARED THAT IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BRING PRESSURE ON JUDGE -- BUT MR. PATTESON SAID THAT SINCE EMBASSY WOULD NOT DIRECTLY INTERVENE THERE WAS NO USE TALKING ABOUT IT.

2. CONVERSATION DID NOT GO AT ALL SMOOTHLY, WITH MR. PATTESON REJECTING ALL VIEWS CONTRARY TO HIS OWN. HE MAY BE EXPECTED TO COMMUNICATE FURTHER WITH CONGRESSMEN. EMBASSY IS OF COURSE READY TO COMPLY WITH DEPARTMENT'S INSTRUCTIONS, THAT IS, TO ASSIST ATTORNEY

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NAMED BY PATTESON IN MAKING APPOINTMENTS WITH

KEY OFFICIALS HERE AND TO ACCOMPANY HIM AND DISCRETELY  
SUPPORT CLAIM. HOWEVER WE DO NOT SEE ANY ACTION WE  
CAN APPROPRIATELY TAKE ON OUR OWN.  
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